

North Viets Call Invasion Report 'Utterly Absurd'

Paris Peace Talks Are Resumed Amid Harsh Statements

PARIS (AP) — The United States today demanded North Vietnam end its invasion of South Vietnam. But North Vietnam retorted it was "utterly

absurd" to claim there is such an invasion. Speaking at the Vietnam peace talks, resumed after a five-week break, North Viet-

namese delegate Xuan Thuy charged it is the United States that "is conducting a war of aggression in Vietnam."

U.S. delegate William J. Porter had called on North Vietnam to "agree to end your invasion and commence the withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam."

Porter added that if progress can be achieved on withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops, the United States would reduce "the level and intensity" of its "retaliatory response to that invasion."

He called on the North Vietnamese to respond to his proposal now or at a new session of the peace talks May 4. He warned that if North Vietnam refuses to "deal with the substance of both the present invasion and general problems of peace, including prisoners of war," the United States will break off the talks.

He asserted "only substance will keep us at this table." Thuy called on President Nixon to "honor the U.S. engagement made in October 1968, to completely and unconditionally stop the bombing and all other acts of war" against North Vietnam.

Nixon said in a speech Wednesday night he had "ordered that our air and naval attacks on military installations in North Vietnam be continued until the North Vietnamese stop their offensive in South Vietnam."

Thuy again rejected the U.S. claim—repeated by Nixon Wednesday night—that the 1968 bombing halt was based on a North Vietnamese understanding not to violate the demilitarized zone.

This is "sheer fabrication," Thuy said. "There is no 'understanding' whatsoever."

Requesting the North Vietnamese to negotiate the issues Porter declared: "The world is waiting," he told Thuy, "to hear how you reconcile this invasion—involving a massive violation of the demilitarized zone—with your protestations of good will and of a desire to seek peace at this table."

"The question for you to answer today is whether you are prepared, as a first item of business, to discuss measures which will put an end to this invasion."

Porter added: "I proposed specifically that you agree to end your invasion and commence the withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops

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SPEAKS TO NATION: President Nixon sits in his White House office Wednesday night after delivering a nationwide television address. Nixon discussed events surrounding his Vietnamization program saying he is withdrawing another 20,000 American troops from Vietnam by July 1. (AP Wirephoto)

Nine-Man Remap Plan Adopted By Van Buren Panel

By STEVE McQuown
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren county's apportionment commission yesterday adopted a plan for redrawing county board commissioner district boundaries reducing the number from 15 to nine.

The vote of the five-member commission was 4 to 1. If upheld, the plan means that nine persons, one from each district, would be elected to serve on the county board instead of the present 15.

Only Katherine Willis, the chairman of county Republicans, voted against the plan which now will be hand-carried to the secretary of state's office and to the state court of appeals.

The court, late last week, tossed out the apportionment commission's first plan which was for shifting county board commissioner district lines but maintaining at 15 the number of county commissioners.

The county was given until April 29 to submit a new plan. Redrawing county commissioner lines is necessary by law to insure that each district

has nearly the same population.

The apportionment commission reconvened first on Monday night and considered 10 apportionment plans varying from five to 15 board members.

Commission member A. A. (Eddie) Smith of South Haven, repeatedly voiced opposition to any consideration of a five-man board of commissioners.

Smith and the others contended that a five-man-board would put too much power in the hands of too few men.

On the other hand, the 15-man plan originally submitted by the commission had a population variance, between the highest and lowest populated districts, of 8.384 per cent.

The court of appeals made it clear that this large of variance would not be approved if other plans provided for a smaller variance.

County Prosecutor William Buhl, who was also the apportionment commission's chairman, urged commission

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Bombs Will Keep Falling As Yanks Depart Vietnam

President Appeals For Support In 'Final Challenge'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon plans to pull another 20,000 GIs out of Vietnam by July 1—and to keep on bombing North Vietnam until Hanoi halts its "massive invasion" of the South.

Announcing this in a 17 minute radio address Wednesday night, Nixon appealed for nationwide support against what he termed "this final challenge" to his program to get U.S. troops out of South Vietnam without "surrendering our friends to Communist aggression."

Nixon portrayed the current all-out Communist offensive in the South as a time of test in which Saigon forces—if they get continued U.S. air and naval help—will foil a desperate Hanoi gamble.

His new two-month withdrawal schedule will cut remaining U.S. forces in South Vietnam to 49,000, which he noted was less than 10 per cent of the 549,000 authorized there when he took office in January 1969.

The enemy's "one remaining hope," Nixon said in words aimed at stateside critics, "is to win in the Congress of the United States, and among the people of the United States, the victory they cannot win among the people of South Vietnam or on the battlefield in South Vietnam."

"The South Vietnamese have made great progress and are now bearing the brunt of the battle," he said. "We can now see the day when no more Americans will be involved there at all ..."

"We must not falter. For all that we have risked and all that we have gained over the years now hangs in the balance during the coming weeks and months."

Nixon coupled tough words about Hanoi's battlefield campaign—"a victory they cannot be allowed to win"—with a warning to enemy negotiators against "more empty propaganda" in the Paris peace talks resuming today.

Referring to his renewal of the Paris parley, which he had broken off March 23, Nixon said:

"We are resuming the Paris talks with the firm expectation that productive talks leading to rapid progress will follow through all available channels."

"As far as we are concerned, the first order of business will be to get the enemy to halt his invasion of South Vietnam, and to return the American prisoners of war."

Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger said the expectation of progress at Paris stems from an appraisal that North Vietnam's military push will be accompanied by a negotiating bid and from "rather noticeable diplomatic activity that has been going on."

He referred to the return to Paris of Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's top political figure at the Paris conference. And he predicted the prospects as to whether serious peace negotiations will now be possible will become clear before Nixon's trip to the Soviet Union May 22-29.

U.S. political leaders reacted to Nixon's speech along predictable lines.

Sen. George McGovern, a Democratic presidential contender calling for a prompt U.S. pullout from Vietnam, accused Nixon of "political

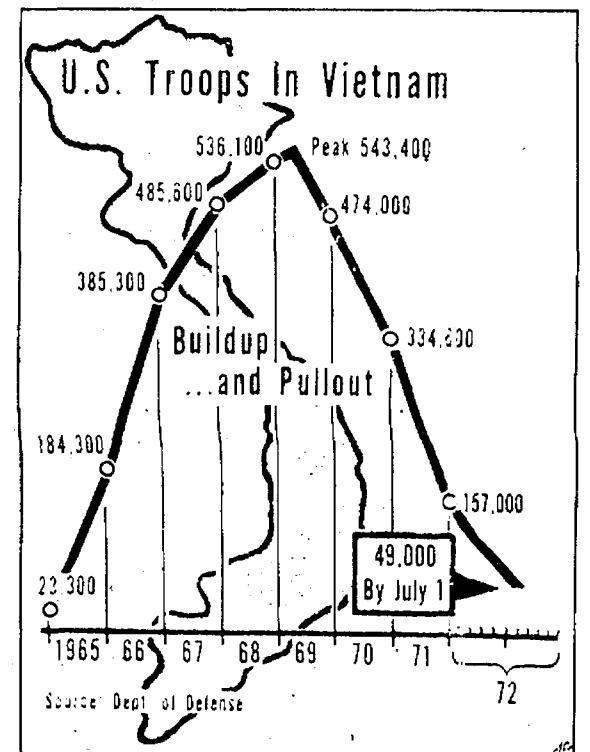
trickery designed to save Nixon's face and their (the Republicans) jobs."

House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan said Nixon's withdrawal an-

ouncement "fills me with a feeling of great confidence in his leadership and in the wisdom of his Vietnam policy."

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HISTORY OF WITHDRAWAL: President Richard M. Nixon announced on nationwide television Wednesday night that he will withdraw another 20,000 U.S. troops from Vietnam during the next two months bringing the troop level to 49,000 by July 1, at right on chart. Chart traces the escalation of U.S. involvement in the war, to a 543,400 peak in 1969, and its subsequent de-escalation. (AP Wirephoto Chart)

Berrien Women's Clubs Receive State Recognition

Two area clubs have won awards in state competition sponsored by the General Federation of Womens clubs in cooperation with a major oil firm.

The Mt. Pleasant Bay View Womens club of Sodus won the special youth participation award and third place in the environmental responsibility judging of the competition.

The Bridgman Club 20 won third place in the community improvement program judging.

Announcement of the judge's decisions was made last night at an awards banquet in Lansing. The special youth award brought with it \$300 while each of the third place awards involved \$100.

Mrs. Stanley Goodell, president of the Sodus based club, said the awards resulted from judging of activities last year. Mrs. Charles VanHellen is president of the Bridgman club.

The contest is sponsored by the state federation in cooperation with Shell Oil company.

Death Claims Woman Who Spent Her Life Giving Roses

Mrs. Fay Eger of 3930 South Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph, well-known flower expert and rose grower, died at 6:30 a.m. today in Shoreham Terrace nursing home. Mrs. Eger, 79, had suffered an apparent heart attack March 18.

She was instrumental in organizing the Southwestern Michigan Rose Society and the Greater Lansing Rose Society and was a member and past president of the Indian Hills Garden club and advisor-member of the

Shoreham Garden club. At one time, she was regional director for the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan; wrote articles in horticultural magazines; and was an accredited rose show judge.

Mrs. Eger was born Aug. 26, 1892, in St. Joseph. She resided in Lansing for 30 years with her husband, the late Paul G. Eger, Ingham county circuit judge.

For several years, Mrs. Eger taught school in Ohio and Pennsylvania and

locally had taught adult education classes in landscape design, horticulture and flower arranging.

Survivors include a son, John of Buchanan; a daughter, Mrs. Thomas (Virginia) Loring of Orchard Lake; two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Mercure of St. Joseph and Mrs. Emma Fleer of Huntsville, Ala.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete this morning at Dey Brothers funeral home.



MRS. FAY EGER

Anti-Bus Group Marching Into Capital Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — A handful of Michigan housewives march into Washington today, 41 days and 620 miles after they set out on foot for the nation's capital to dramatize their opposition to busing school children for desegregation.

Irene McCabe of Pontiac, leader of the group, predicted 10,000 supporters would be on hand at the Washington Monument to welcome the marchers. A group of congressmen opposed to busing planned to welcome the group at the Capitol before the rally.

The women were accompanied along the route through Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania,

West Virginia and Maryland by a sound car and two mobile homes used to carry leaflets, supplies and to provide sleeping quarters.

The women are seeking congressional passage of a proposed constitutional amendment to ban court-ordered busing to aid desegregation.

To date, 152 congressmen have signed a discharge petition that would lift the amendment from the House Judiciary Committee, which has declined to act on it.

But the rush to sign the petition slowed markedly after President Nixon announced he would ask Congress to enact a one-year moratorium on court-ordered busing.

NAACP To Select Queen Saturday

The annual NAACP Queen contest will be staged Saturday night at 8 o'clock at Seely McCord school. Sponsored by the Happiness Bloom club, this year's event will have 17 contestants and will follow the theme, "Lift Every Voice."

Musical entertainment will be presented between rounds of the contest.

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Editorial Page

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Nixon Calls For Unified Support Of Vietnam Policy

If General Creighton Abrams is right, President Nixon will go down in history as an heroic defender of freedom. If Abrams is wrong, Nixon faces a tough time getting re-elected to a second term.

Reporting on Vietnam last night, the President waved before TV viewers a report received from General Abrams, U.S. commander in South Vietnam. Abrams believes, said Nixon, that "if we continue to provide air and sea support, the enemy will fail in its desperate gamble to impose a communist regime on South Vietnam, and . . . the South Vietnamese will then have demonstrated their ability to defend themselves against future enemy attacks."

Nixon called for unified American support to stop the three-week-old North Vietnamese invasion of South Vietnam. He termed the invasion "this final challenge" to his program to get U.S. troops out of South Vietnam without "surrendering our friends to Communist aggression."

He accurately described the North Vietnamese attack as "naked aggression," observing no one can longer maintain the pretense that the Vietnam fighting is "civil war." The enemy's one remaining hope, said Nixon in words aimed at critics in this country, "is to win in the Congress of the United States, and among the people of the United States, the victory they cannot win among the people of South Vietnam or on the battlefield in South Vietnam."

Nixon's thesis is that the North Vietnamese will suffer huge losses without conquering South Vietnam and be forced to make some kind of reasonable peace, probably before the U.S. presidential election in November. If that happens in the face of continued U.S. troop withdrawals from Vietnam, the Nixon Vietnamization policy will indeed have been a huge success. But there are a couple of questions.

One is whether Abrams is right and the South Vietnamese troops can hold without support of U.S. ground troops. The other is whether Nixon's critics in this country

will give him time to find out if his assessment of the situation is correct. Students are beginning to demonstrate again on college campuses; Congress is increasingly restive; the Democratic presidential hopefuls are looking for issues.

Despite the fact that years ago, under another President, the American people heard other optimistic reports on Vietnam, the majority probably sides today with President Nixon.

Still, they have a question nagging them. It was probably well expressed recently by Sen. J. William Fulbright at a Senate hearing. He asked Secretary of State William Rogers this: Why have you (the administration) placed us in the position where we have a Hobson's choice between either surrender or escalation?

How would Sen. Fulbright have done otherwise?

When President Nixon undertook to begin the withdrawal of American troops, with the full support of Congress and the vast majority of Americans, each reduction in our strength increased the possibility that we would be faced with one or the other eventuality. North Vietnam was repeatedly warned what our reaction would be.

The real question that should be asked is, why has North Vietnam chosen to attempt an all-out military conquest of South Vietnam, and to humiliate the United States in the bargain, at a time when U.S. withdrawal was so near to being accomplished?

President Nixon warned that desertion of South Vietnam at this juncture may encourage Communist aggression elsewhere in the world and, in the long run, produce more bloodshed by far than a steadfast stance now. Nixon has scrupulously kept his promise to disengage "with honor" in Vietnam. More than 90 per cent of the troops have been brought home. On his record, he deserves unified support of the American people at least a few months more.

Clarence Was Nice If You Treated Him Nice

Clarence T. Warner was a perceptive student of human nature. With his gray hair and angular frame, he could be mistaken for a country bumpkin. But that would be a mistake. In 62 years of selling real estate in and around Benton Harbor, Clarence developed a reputation for integrity but also for shrewdness. The truth is he had a mind like a trap.

Clarence died in 1957 at the age of 85. He left behind a looseleaf notebook full of notes about people he had known and deals he had made. They're not necessarily potent editorial material, but they do furnish some insight into human

behavior—as is illustrated by one of Warner's recollections, entitled "Judge Mathews."

Mathews was a federal district judge in Grand Rapids and has really relatively little to do with the story. Warner had been called as an expert witness to appraise a piece of Benton Harbor real estate involved in litigation over an estate divided among heirs from many states. From here on let Warner tell it in his own words:

"I had always been an admirer of Judge Mathews, and considered him a very intelligent man and well able to hold up the dignity of the court.

"When I was put on the stand, Attorney Stevenson (a local lawyer) asked me a number of questions relative to the property valuation, and I answered them to the best of my ability. Then the other lawyer, a gentleman from Chicago, stepped up to question me.

"This man evidently thought I was just small fry from a small town, and he was very much impressed with his own importance.

"Let me see," he began, 'your name is Warner.'

"Yes, Sir.

"You live in a town by the name of Benton Harbor, Michigan?"

"I do.

"You have been in the real estate business for sometime?"

"Yes, Sir, approximately 45 years.

"Do you consider yourself quite well posted on property?"

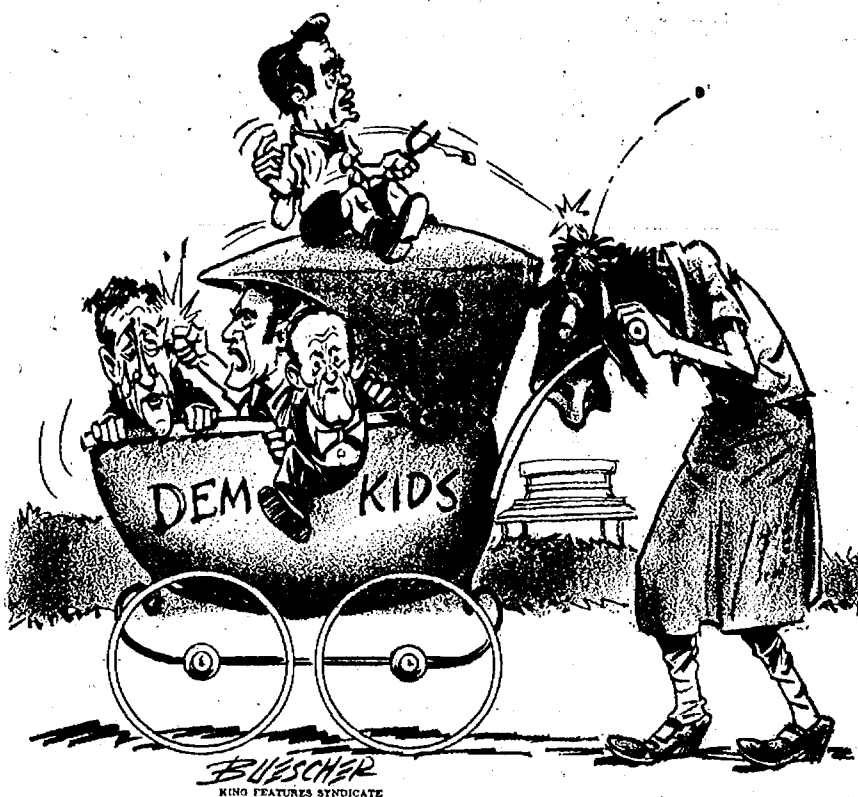
"I can't answer that question, but I do feel that my opinion on the various pieces is reasonably good.

"You have an office on Water Street in Benton Harbor," he said. 'Did you know that I was in your office about a year ago?'

"His manner irritated me, and I said, 'No, I didn't. I hadn't missed anything.' 'At that the dignified Judge Mathews fairly shorted, and had to place his hand over his mouth to keep from laughing.

"The lawyer looked as though someone had knocked the wind out of him, and after looking at me intently for several seconds, he said, 'Mr. Warner, I think I have received the answer to all the questions that I need to ask you. Thank you, very much.'"

Poor Maude



GLANCING BACKWARDS

ASK 9.5 MILLS AT LAKESHORE

—1 Year Ago—

A 9.5 mill package to be levied one year instead of two will be submitted to Lakeshore voters June 14.

The same millage proposal was defeated by voters March 29, but that defeat was based on 9.5 mills for a two-year period. School board members voted to return the proposal to voters during the annual school election in June but dropped one of the two years

first proposed.

FIRST CROWN FOR NILES

—10 Years Ago—

The judges almost had to send out a magic mirror before naming Carol Ann Bowerman the fairest of all Blossomland last night.

She is the first Niles girl to win the crown in 29 years of blossom festivals. Carol Ann, 17, a cute red-haired high school junior with greenish-gold eyes, was crowned before

2,700 cheering beauty fans who filled the Benton Harbor high school gymnasium.

ALLIES REACH JAP-HELD MUBO

—23 Years Ago—

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters disclosed today that American and Australian troops now command hills overlooking Mubo village, only 12 miles south of the big Japanese base at Salamaua, New Guinea, and allied patrols have penetrated within six miles of the base itself.

Details of the allied advance were lacking, and it was not immediately clear whether Gen. MacArthur's forces were preparing a new offensive.

BUSINESS BETTER

—39 Years Ago—

Slowly but steadily, business is improving in the twin cities. This last month has shown an improvement in the metal trades, and other lines are gaining. The Cooper-Wells hosiery company is reported to be doing more business, both in dollar and volume, than last year.

IMPROVEMENTS

—49 Years Ago—

John F. Wilson is making extensive improvements at his bakery establishment on State street. The partition will be removed between the present salesroom and the O.K. Barber shop.

RUNAWAY RIG

—59 Years Ago—

State street was the scene of considerable excitement yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock when Charles Meschke's team dashed south on State street, narrowly escaping colliding with several rigs and finally colliding with the Louis Bender rig in front of the Gillespie and Reiber drug store. Mrs. Bender, in company with John Kugel, was driving north when the two rigs came together. The Meschke rig was demolished and one wheel was torn off the Bender vehicle.

IN BUSINESS

—79 Years Ago—

W. M. Stewart has leased the Masonic building on State street and has moved his billiard tables there. He will also add a first class lunch counter.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

NAACP LEADER DENOUNCES WALLACE

I denounce the candidacy of Gov. George Wallace of Alabama, for the Democratic presidential nomination as a political abomination.

Let's look at just one item about this man, not to mention the many.

When Wallace was first elected governor of Alabama, it was with Ku Klux Klan support. He did not deny it. The head of the Klan boasted that they gave him his margin of victory. One of the first things he did when he became governor was to make a change in the state parole board.

That board then gave a premature release to two Klansmen, named Jesse Mabry, and Bart Floyd, who had been convicted by an all white jury and sentenced by a white judge to 21 years in jail because they had castrated a Negro named Edward Arons whom they did not even know. They said they wanted to prove they were good Klansmen "by getting nigger blood on their hands."

One of those who took part in this horrible crime was sickened by it and turned state's evidence. The castration took place on Labor Day, September 2, 1957, at East Lake near Birmingham. After various legal delays the guilty Klansmen were finally gotten behind bars in 1959. They were refused parole in 1960. After Wallace was elected, they packed the parole board. They then gave Jesse Mabry and Bart Floyd release in 1963 although the district attorney who tried the case opposed it.

He is a KKK candidate by their own admission. Dislikes Catholics and Jews as well as Negroes. I recall when Mr. Nixon accepted the Republican nomination on August 8, 1960, he said:

"America is in trouble today, not because her people have failed, but because her leaders have failed. What America needs are leaders to match the greatness of her people."

Never have words so aptly fitted the acts of a man as those words fit what Mr. Wallace has done, not to mention his infamous stand in the school house door to keep out only two students. "When a man repays his political debt to the Klan by securing the premature release of Klansmen convicted of castrating a fellow human being, his candidacy is a

political obscenity." (These facts are set forth in the first chapter of William Bradford Huie's book, THREE LIVES FOR MISSISSIPPI.

Mr. Hershel McKenzie, President, Twin City Area NAACP, Benton Harbor

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

EVERYONE'S HELP IS APPRECIATED

We would like to thank the following people for helping to make our show what it was. It was very hard because we were students without a leader.

Jan El's deserves a thank you for the use of their lovely wigs. WHFB was kind enough to give us radio spots and the time on Larry Berg's Night-talk was greatly appreciated.

The administration of Lake Michigan College, the Student Council, the maintenance crew all deserve a round of applause. A thank-you goes to Mr. Robert Dolsen and Mrs. Velma Wire. Of course, to all the people that came.

We dare not leave out the Herald-Press and the News-Palladium and South Bend Tribune for their stories and pictures. Those people include Mr. Charles Hand and Mrs. Arlys Derrick. Their help is greatly appreciated: Thank you all.

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A COMEDY NIGHT
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Editor,
The Herald-Press:

FOR TRADITIONAL TEACHING METHODS

I want to speak out for traditional teaching. The system is only as good as the people involved in it. This means teachers and administrators alike. We're selling our good traditional

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Yen Begin Uneasy Trip

TOKYO (AP).—Frogmen reported no signs that hijackers had planted explosives, and under the cover of darkness two Japanese navy ships slipped out of Tokyo harbor today with \$175 million worth of yen for Okinawa.

It was the largest amount of money the government has ever transported, and the Finance Ministry said it was fully insured.

Ray Cromley

Local Militia--

South Viet Key



WASHINGTON (NEA) — In the end, the battle for South Vietnam may depend on the local militia — the abominably paid, lightly armed and often derided regional and provincial forces.

Unless these groups hold, South Vietnam's regular forces cannot hope to stand off a determined invasion attempt without giving major chunks of territory. But if these local militia do provide the irregular services for which they have been "trained," Hanoi's invasion armies cannot possibly prevail.

Three years back, these local troops were noted for their ability to patrol to the east of a village when the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong were in the west — and to relax in the nearest safe haven.

Today the local militia have done surprisingly well. On the fringes of the main battles, they have picked off North Vietnamese sabotage and demolition groups and slowed the small-unit infiltration that has accompanied major North Vietnamese thrusts.

These local militia actions have been important in the battles to date — not crucial. But as the fighting goes on, and providing their surprising morale holds, their spoiling actions could make the difference between Hanoi's success and failure.

North Vietnam's armies have one great weakness. They are inexperienced in conventional logistics. Their successes in the past have depended on their ability to put the supplies they needed in the battle area in advance of the fighting — by using guerrillas

to infiltrate in small numbers over periods, say, of six months or a year, gradually building the stockpiles to required size.

If air power battered the advance supply units sufficiently, the timetable for attack would simply be moved to a later date. A three-week supply would be delivered in nine months instead of six.

But the current invasion is run on a somewhat different pattern. Though some large stockpiles have been built in the border areas and at some points within South Vietnam itself, more than ever before the North Vietnamese are dependent on supply trains moving with and behind the main forces.

The second stage — wide-scale Viet Cong and North Vietnamese guerrilla attacks through the southern delta and along the coasts — will hit heavily on the local militia, Saigon's main forces being fully occupied with the mainline invasion armies.

These second-stage North Vietnamese-V.C. guerrilla attacks will be aimed at cutting the heart out of the local structure. Though it has received little notice for the past two months, armed VC squads have been cutting down village policeman and pacification teams, whose job it is to build local civic, economic and self-defense strength.

If the local militia can guard these police and these teams from slaughter while the regular armies are away fighting the invasion, then Hanoi will have failed and South Vietnam will have retained the means to survive.

Jeffrey Hart

Buckley, Kennedy

Debate Viet War



On April 11, speaking on the floor of the Senate, Sen. James Buckley of New York delivered a speech remarkable for a number of reasons. For one thing, it was a lucid and eloquent defense of the Administration's policy of bombing the North in response to the invasion. But it also contained a devastating reply to the recent statements of Sen. Edward Kennedy.

Sen. Kennedy is bound to emerge, either this year or within the foreseeable future, as the most powerful leftist Democrat in the country. And events, as well as his own integrity, are moving Sen. Buckley into the position of a principal spokesman for the moderate and conservative opposition to the Kennedy positions. This could have immense significance for the future.

Since the Buckley speech, predictably enough, received little attention in the media, I will take this opportunity to quote some of its salient points.

"There can no longer be any

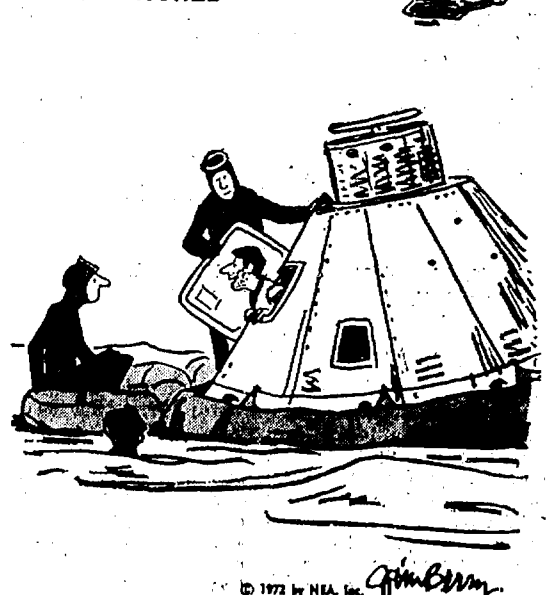
mistake about Hanoi's motives or its goals as tanks pour across the DMZ in a display of naked force. . . . The Russian-made transportable surface-to-air missiles with a highly sophisticated tracking system are not devices used by the simple Vietnamese peasants of fashionable pacifist mythology. . . . What is at stake now is the fate of the entire Indochinese peninsula. Hanoi has made this last desperate throw of the dice in the hope that what they could not gain in almost 20 years by terrorism and guerrilla warfare they can gain in a few weeks of invasion. . . . Given the situation, President Nixon's response in calling for American air attacks against Communist positions has been one of remarkable restraint."

Soon, however, Buckley turns his attention to Sen. Kennedy:

"The New York Times reports that 100,000 South Vietnamese have been driven from their homes by this invasion. They have all fled south — away from the invading Communist forces. They have fled only because they fear the invading forces. Yet the Senator from Massachusetts, taking note of the terror being inflicted on these people, condemns not North Vietnam but President Nixon. . . . Is it the Senator's point that President Nixon has somehow or other caused the North Vietnamese to invade South Vietnam? . . . He states that there is a blood bath, but then neglects to state just who is directly responsible for it.

"Is Sen. Kennedy prepared to call this invasion immoral? It appears not, although the word 'immoral' falls from his lips with computer-like regularity when describing any effort to help the South Vietnamese defend themselves. . . . The reasoning which impels Sen. Kennedy toward such 'odd' interpretations frankly escapes me. But we at least know this: On the occasion of one of the most outright, clearcut, and unquestionable invasions of one nation by another since September, 1939, Sen. Kennedy failed to condemn the invaders."

BERRY'S WORLD



"Could you hold things up for a minute or two? We're still trying to figure out something original to say for the welcoming ceremony aboard the carrier."

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News

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1972

\$1,000 National Merit Awards

SJ Seniors Win Scholarships



DEBRA LAMBRECHT

Two St. Joseph high school seniors are winners of National Merit Scholarships of \$1,000 each.

Among some 1,000 winners in the U.S. announced today by the National Merit Scholarship corporation are Debra L. Lambrecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Lambrecht, 2625 Lakeview avenue, St. Joseph, and Katherine

McKnight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKnight, 2323 Niles avenue, St. Joseph.

The awards are non-renewable one-time grants. The scholarships are underwritten by 245 sponsoring organizations.

Today's list of winners is the second of three groups to receive NMSC scholarships. On April 13, more than 1,200 winners of renewable four-year scholarships sponsored by business and industrial firms

were announced. On May 4, NMSC will name winners of about 800 additional four-year Merit Scholarships sponsored by colleges and universities. Forty-eight Michigan high school seniors are among the winners announced today. Miss Lambrecht and Miss McKnight are the only ones from this corner of Michigan—Berrien, Cass, Allegan and Van Buren counties.

Competition for 1972 National Merit Scholarships began

in February, 1971, when some 657,000 students in 16,600 schools across the nation took the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. About 15,000 earned semifinalists' rankings.

Miss Lambrecht and Miss McKnight are among the \$1,000 winners selected by a committee of evaluators on a basis of grades, accomplishments outside the classroom, extracurricular activities and school recommendations.

Scholarship sponsors include corporations, foundations, labor unions, professional societies and trusts. Miss Lambrecht's grant is sponsored by the National Merit trust; Miss McKnight's scholarship by the National Distillers Distributors foundation.

Miss Lambrecht, 18, plans to enroll at Concordia Lutheran Junior college in Ann Arbor to major in music. In high school, she is a member of the choir,

Math club, Thespians and Future Teachers club.

Miss McKnight intends to enroll at University of Michigan to major in physiological psychology. She is a member of Math club, National Honor society, Girls Athletic association, and French club. She plays violin in the Kalamazoo junior symphony and is an AAU swimmer.



KATHERINE MCKNIGHT

Saturday Is Grand Mere Pick-Up Day

Before Spring can really be appreciated at historic Grand Mere many hands are needed to lift off the heavy foot of winter.

The Grand Mere Association has scheduled a clean up campaign for Saturday to get the area ready for the annual hike set for Sunday, May 21.

Peter Roe, general chairman, said some trucks and

trailers will be available but more could be utilized if available.

Especially needed he said are many willing hands to clean the areas of accumulated debris along Thornton drive, Willow road and Wishert road.

A group of scouts from Brown school are scheduled to participate.

The Grand Mere association will furnish plastic bags to pick up the trash and debris but trucks to haul it away will be necessary. The more volunteers that turn out the more trucks will be needed, Roe said.

The annual hike May 21 will be across the dunes to Lake Michigan.

Boon For Lincoln Residents

"Free day" at the Northwest Berrien landfill for Lincoln township residents will be Saturday, Supervisor Ernest Hauch announced today.

Lincoln township residents can take their rubbish to the landfill and the township will pick up the bill. Hauch said arrangements have been made for this free service. Residents will be required only to sign their name and address. The landfill will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is located north of Ross field on Crystal and Smallidge roads in Benton township north of Benton Harbor.

Members Get Fellowships

Three Benton Harbor school district faculty members have been awarded Thurgood Marshall Fellowships for advanced degree study at Western Michigan university.

Winners are Louis Harvey, Hull school; Miss Carolyn Walton, Benton Harbor junior high, and Mrs. Sandra Rutter, Benton Harbor senior high. Announcement was made by William Murrain, director, minority student services, at WMU.



READY TO TRAVEL: Cathey Dey, Michigan's Junior Miss, gets some help packing for her trip Friday to Mobile, Ala., where she will join 49 other teenagers who all have the same goal in mind...to become America's

1972 Junior Miss. Cathey and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Dey, give a last minute inspection to one of the many outfits that Cathey and her Mother sewed for the trip. (Staff Photo)

Sickle Cell Cases Found In BH Area

About 80 cases of sickle cell anemia have been identified so far in the Benton Harbor area, according to the Rev. C. Wesley Gordon, coordinator of the Mercy and Help Sickle Cell Anemia Fund, Inc.

Because of a great apparent need in the local area, the group has decided to shift emphasis from supporting strictly research to a program of education, screening for cases of the disease and assisting patients, the Rev. Gordon said.

It is the intention to screen every black child in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties and give counseling where sickle cell anemia is found.

The blood disease affects predominantly blacks; there is no known cure yet and most victims do not live to full maturity.

Rev. Gordon said as screening is conducted more cases of the disease will be found. Dr. Robert Lacey, director of the Berrien county health department, is technical adviser for the group and has written a manual for counselors.

Rev. Gordon cited the case of a Benton Harbor teenager afflicted with the disease since he was two years old. He is in and out of the hospital in attempts to relieve the severe pain and is unable to attend

school. The family has been trying to do it alone with the father working three jobs and the mother also working.

Rev. Gordon said tag days will be held May 1-5 in Benton Harbor and Benton township where governmental permission has been granted. Solicitors will be identified with name badges and containers.

M & H Sickle Cell Anemia Fund is consulting a certified public accounting firm for bookkeeping service so that an accounting can be given for all money received from the public, foundations and special efforts, Rev. Gordon said.

Mrs. Shirley Stansberry was elected chairman of the board at a recent meeting.

Musicians Will Attend Meeting

Twin City Federation of Musicians Local 232 will be represented by two officers at the annual convention of American Federation of Musicians (AFL-CIO) June 19-22 at the Sheraton Waikiki in Honolulu. The Twin City delegates are Joseph Ferris, local president and Dorothy Pallas, secretary-treasurer. The American Federation of Musicians has a membership of 315,000 in 650 locals.

Represents Michigan In National 'Junior Miss' Pageant

St. Joseph's Cathey Dey Leaving For Mobile

BY JAKE SHUBINSKI
Staff Writer

"Oh, wow!"

Those two words, in the vernacular of today's teenager, says it all for Cathey Dey, Michigan's Junior Miss, as the excitement of preparing for the National Junior Miss Pageant reaches a frantic climax.

Cathey, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dey, 1903 Niles avenue, St. Joseph, will leave from the

twin cities airport at 2:50 p.m. Friday and arrive in Atlanta, Ga., at 8:10 p.m. from which point she and representatives from 49 other states will be flown to Mobile, Ala., site of the pageant.

There will be a special sendoff for Cathey at the airport final at 2:30 p.m.

The finals of the contest to select America's 1972 Junior Miss will be televised by NBC starting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday,

May 9. The program can be seen in this area on channel 5, Chicago.

And Cathey will be No. 1, hopefully at the finish as well as at the start of the program.

"Maybe it's an omen," said Cathey, thinking back to 1965 when Lakeshore's Patrice Gaucher was the first performer at Mobile and won the Junior Miss crown.

"Being the first contestant doesn't bother me," Cathey

said. "I'd rather be first than last, then I can sit back and enjoy the other girls."

"I've really been so busy the past few weeks that I haven't had much time to think about what's going to happen in Mobile," said the St. Joseph high school senior.

"But everybody has been so nice to me, helping me in every way they could," she declared.

Topping the list of helpers are her teachers. "They have

given me every chance in the world to get some of my work done ahead of time," Cathey said.

Before she boards the plane for Mobile, which will be the first time she has ever been in an airplane, Cathey will have completed term papers for physical science and American Problems and turned in a number of book reports.

Cathey was crowned Michigan's Junior Miss in Pontiac in early February. Since that time she has made many personal appearances before various twin city clubs including the Kiwanis, Lions, Exchange and Sunday Evening

Club.

Cathey delivers a 10-minute talk about Junior Miss pageants, then conducts a question and answer period.

Cathey wrote the speech herself "with a lot of help from Mr. and Mrs. Tomas Johnstone." The Johnstones were Twin City Junior Miss Pageant general chairmen.

"These appearances have given me a lot of confidence," Cathey said. "I feel real comfortable in front of adults."

Along with her school work and public appearances, Cathey has had to spend a lot of time getting her wardrobe together.

One of the pageant appearances calls for a long white dress with no color on it. "I'm taking my sister Chris' wedding dress and borrowing another one from Laura

Mansfield for a spare," said Cathey.

"We also have to have some sport clothes for sight-seeing, a

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Local CAP Unit Names Girl Outstanding Cadet

Cadet Arlene F. Skanes, daughter of Mrs. Norma Skanes of Benton Harbor, was named outstanding cadet of 1971 by Blossomland Composite squadron, 94, Civil Air Patrol, at awards banquet recently. Cadet Skanes joined the Civil Air Patrol in June, 1970 and has held the positions of cadet adjutant and cadet executive officer. Her hobbies and interests are drawing, all types of outdoor activities, especially flying and hopes to earn her pilot's license and wings.

Awards presented at the CAP

banquet: leadership—First Lieut. Julius A. Butler, squadron commander and Second Lieut. Kathy P. Butler, Coloma; emergency service—Cadet Skanes; Staff Sgt. Barney B. Brauker, Warrant Officer Archer D. Livengood, all of Benton Harbor and Chief Warrant Officer Charles Nollon, Coloma and Chief Warrant Officer Guy Wilson, Bridgman; aeronautical rating—Warrant Officer Donald E. Atkinson, Benton Harbor; red service ribbon—Lieut. Kathy Butler and Tech.

Sgt. Chester L. Hill, Water-vliet; promoted to chief warrant officer—Charles Nollon.

The Blossomland squadron meets at the U. S. Army Reserve center on M-139, Benton Harbor, every Tuesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The program is for boys and girls from 13 to 18 years and for men and women from 18 to 65 years. Both pilots and non-pilots are invited, Julius Butler said. Information on the squadron can be obtained from Butler by calling 468-6414 after 6 p.m.



ARLENE F. SKANES
Outstanding Cadet

McGovern Workers To Open BH Office

McGovern for President headquarters will open Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Benton Harbor at 136 Water street.

Announcement was made by Tom Boylan of McGovern's field staff who said either Don Tucker, state campaign chairman, or Dave Vaughn, state McGovern coordinator, will attend and describe campaign progress in Michigan.

Also slated to be there are David McCormack, Democratic candidate for Fourth District congressman in 1970, and James Keller, Democratic county chairman.

The McGovern campaign is at high water after victories in Wisconsin and Massachusetts.

The Michigan primary is May 16.



HE'S THE REAL THING: Larry Harmon's Bozo the Clown will appear at Lakeshore high school for three shows Saturday, May 27, sponsored by Lakeshore Jaycees who will give proceeds to the new Berrien rehabilitation center for the handicapped. Tickets are on sale at all Hilltop Food stores and the Ben Franklin Family center, St. Joseph. Performances are 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The 10:30 show is sold out.



PROBLEM OF APPORTIONMENT: Forrest (Hank) Kesterke, Berrien county clerk, (left) explains problems of apportionment by displaying map of new 15-district county commissioner bailiwicks which is under court challenge by Democrats. Others from

left who appeared on Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce panel on county government: Wesley Bowerman, director of social services; John Banyon, moderator; Lad Stacey, chairman of county board of commissioners, and Roger Petrie, county coordinator.

\$16 Million Is Spent On Berrien Welfare

Over Half Went For ADC Cases During Past Year

A total of \$16 million was spent for social services in Berrien county last year with ADC cases accounting for more than half the expenditures, according to Wesley Bowerman, county social services director.

Bowerman spoke Wednesday morning at the first of a series of Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce breakfasts at St. Joseph Holiday Inn.

The ADC bill in Berrien county last year was \$8.5 million. ADC is financed by the state and federal governments. Cases are processed by county social services department. Old age assistance was \$1 million.

Bowerman said children comprise 55 per cent of the 5,000 cases in the county receiving public assistance through federally-funded programs, excluding Medicaid. Other percentages: mothers, 19; aged, 15.6; blind or

disabled, 9.4 per cent.

He praised cooperation of the prosecutor's office in welfare fraud investigation (104 cases currently under investigation), and the Michigan Employment Security commission in its efforts to place welfare recipients in jobs.

Bowerman said food stamps at face value of \$4.5 million were redeemed in Berrien county food stores last year. The food stamp store will be moved from Pipestone street in downtown Benton Harbor, but Bowerman said he could not disclose the new site because the lease has not been signed yet.

Other speakers at the meeting were Roger Petrie, county coordinator; Lad Stacey, chairman of the county board of commissioners, and Forrest Kesterke, county clerk. Stacey explained the function of the county board of commissioners as a policy making

body which cannot pass legislation. He said it is most frustrating to attempt to meet the dictates of the state without home rule authority to pass needed legislation.

Petrie described his duties as purchasing, communications, central duplicating, negotiating and hiring. He also administers the Federal

Emergency Employment act. Kesterke pointed out the problems the apportionment commission encountered in reapportionment of Berrien county commissioner districts. He said: "Apportionment is like having one ice cream cone to divide between 13 Boy Scouts, and they won't give you a napkin and they won't let it drip."

Sons Of Norway

Sons of Norway, an international fraternal benefit society, will continue its organizational efforts in the Twin Cities Sunday with a program at 4 p.m. in the Chorditorium hall, 2180 Union street, Benton Harbor.

A film, "A Heritage Preserved," will be shown and followed by a smorgasbord lunch. Persons of Norwegian ancestry by birth, descent, marriage or affiliation are invited to attend the informal meeting, according to Archie Davis, Sons of Norway representative.

Sons of Norway has 300 lodges of 75,000 members in North America. The society supports social and cultural projects of interest to Norwegians.

Berrien Budget: Schools Vs. Hospital

County Seeks More Tax Funds At Expense Of Teachers

Berrien county commissioners today received for adoption a record \$9.5 million tentative 1973 county budget that includes a half-million dollars alone for ailing Berrien General hospital at Berrien Center.

The tentative budget, \$1.8 million over the \$7.6 million budget for 1972, is tied to a county drive for more millage at the expense of schools, Ernest Chase, board finance committee chairman, said at a budget press conference earlier this week.

The county tax allocation board, divider of a 15-mill county tax "pie" between county government, schools and other units, "has got to make a decision whether to close BGH or give teachers fatter salaries," he said.

"If we don't get an increase from the tax allocation board, we can't fund the hospital. If we can't fund the hospital, it'll close."

Berrien county government's share of the 15-mill pie, 5.125 mills, ranks it 68th out of 83 counties, he said. Most get 6 to 8 mills.

The \$9.5 million tentative budget would require slightly more than 7 mills, finance committee reported.

The \$500,000 allocation for the county-owned hospital at Berrien Center is only a "stopgap measure" for operations and does not cover far more expensive long range repairs and buildings the hospital needs.

In recent years tentative budgets have been slashed \$1 million, or more by the time they're adopted as final, and Chase admitted some slashing will occur between now and October. Yet the county "needs" everything in the tentative budget, he said.

Besides aid for Berrien General, the tentative budget offers unspecified sums for the county's first data processing system and new Berrien-Cass juvenile home costs, unspecified amounts for county employee pay raises excluding longevity pay increases, perhaps a new home for Fifth district court in south Berrien, new cars and office equipment for various departments, the cost of a second probate judge, and \$200,000 for new county employees hired with federal emergency employment act funds.

The tentative budget summary (compared to the final 1972 budget in parentheses) lists expenses at \$9,546,700 (\$7,684,400); non-local receipts at \$4,173,500 (\$4,139,100); and a balance required by local taxation of \$5,373,200 (\$3,545,300).

Child care budget category, or foster home and institutional care for neglected children through Berrien probate court, is tentatively budgeted at \$551,300 with direct to county costs of \$330,800. Corresponding figures for 1972 were \$450,000 and \$270,000.

Health department tentatively is budgeted for \$1,210,800 with

\$418,700 of it in county costs, compared to \$1,249,400 and \$220,000 for 1972.

Social services department is tentatively budgeted for \$852,000 with \$297,000 of it in county costs, compared to \$775,000 and \$325,000 for 1972.

"Contingencies" for 1973 is high to cover unspecified county employee pay boosts, additional personnel, juvenile home costs and data processing costs. The "board of commissioners" covers the \$500,000 to the county hospital.

By departments:

| Agency | 1972 | 1973 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Ambulance | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Animal Shelter | \$92,600 | \$112,600 |
| Board of commissioners | \$124,600 | \$659,100 |
| Building authority | \$2,000 | \$2,300 |
| Central duplicating | \$36,200 | \$43,900 |
| Central supply | \$28,900 | \$26,100 |
| Circuit court | \$242,100 | \$204,900 |
| Circuit court reporters | \$54,500 | \$58,400 |
| Civil defense | \$12,800 | \$13,100 |
| Contagious disease | \$150,900 | \$143,300 |
| Contingencies | \$375,000 | \$800,400 |
| Cooperative extension | \$49,700 | \$51,400 |
| County Clerk | \$159,900 | \$179,000 |
| County coordinator | \$39,200 | \$47,800 |
| Courthouse & grounds | \$320,600 | \$390,600 |
| Detention home | \$1,000 | \$1,500 |
| District court | \$578,000 | \$669,500 |
| Drain commissioner | \$34,200 | \$27,800 |
| Drains, at large | \$15,000 | \$15,000 |
| Election | \$37,000 | \$18,000 |
| Friend of the court | \$87,200 | \$108,000 |
| Insurance and bonds | \$139,500 | \$152,500 |
| Jail and turnkey | \$218,500 | \$236,200 |
| Jail maintenance | \$81,400 | \$100,400 |
| Juvenile court | \$214,500 | \$227,500 |
| Livestock claims | \$1,500 | \$1,500 |
| Mailing department | \$32,600 | \$35,300 |
| Medical examiner | \$15,800 | \$16,300 |
| Mental health | \$100,000 | \$150,000 |
| Other property | \$5,500 | \$7,700 |
| Parks & recreation | \$14,700 | \$28,700 |
| Planning commission | \$50,600 | \$54,000 |
| Public works | \$17,900 | \$29,500 |
| Plat board | \$1,500 | \$2,100 |
| Probate court | \$103,000 | \$151,800 |
| Probation, adult | \$20,400 | \$22,000 |
| Prosecutor | \$205,700 | \$224,300 |
| Purchasing department | \$33,800 | \$30,300 |
| Register of deeds | \$70,500 | \$75,000 |
| Retirement, county | \$120,000 | \$150,000 |
| Sheriff cars | \$60,500 | \$74,000 |
| Sheriff office & patrol | \$592,500 | \$614,700 |
| Sheriff radios | \$9,500 | \$17,500 |
| Hospital deputies | \$18,400 | \$19,400 |
| College deputies | \$12,000 | \$13,000 |
| Township deputies | \$36,200 | \$40,000 |
| Social security | \$110,000 | \$126,000 |
| State institutions | \$359,000 | \$359,000 |
| Surveyor | \$300 | \$300 |
| Tax allocation board | \$1,800 | \$1,800 |
| Tax description | \$46,400 | \$88,000 |
| Tax equalization | \$68,800 | \$72,000 |
| Telephone | \$26,900 | \$28,600 |
| Treasurer | \$73,800 | \$68,000 |
| Veteran's burial | \$35,500 | \$40,500 |
| Veteran's counselor | \$18,500 | \$20,000 |



COUNTY BUDGET DRAFTERS: Aided by County Coordinator Roger Petrie (standing, center), Berrien county finance committee drafted \$9.5 million tentative 1973 county budget for presentation to county board of commissioners today. A final budget is okayed in Oc-

tober. Committeemen are (seated, from left) Chairman Ernest Chase, Mrs. Jacquelyn Zerlaut, Carl Gnodtke; (standing, from left), Lamont Tufts, Petrie; and Sheridan Cook. (Staff photo)

Millburg's Transfer From BH Is Denied

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Berrien Intermediate school board of education last night turned down a petition by Millburg area residents to transfer from Benton Harbor to Coloma school district.

Millburg residents appeared at a public hearing Tuesday night in Berrien Springs high school to argue in favor of the transfer. It was opposed by Benton Harbor and Coloma

school boards.

Intermediate Supt. Doyle Barkmeier reported three representatives of Millburg petitioners were told at last night's special session they now have 10 days to appeal the Intermediate ruling to the state board of education. They made no indication whether an appeal is forthcoming, he said.

On motion of Intermediate board member Adrian

VanGinhoven, seconded by Donald Stover, the board by a 3-2 vote turned down the request. Reasons cited were that Coloma opposes it and because transfer would not lend itself to orderly overall redistricting, Barkmeier reported.

Voting "yes" on the motion were VanGinhoven, Stover, and Lawrence Peachey. Voting against denial were Ben Nye and President Ralph Leman,

Barkmeier reported.

No discussion was held on the motion because the board met in private session shortly before the meeting began in the Intermediate headquarters here.

Millburg transfer petitions were reportedly signed by 397 persons representing more than 90 per cent of resident property owners in the former Millburg school district.

New Trees, Shrubs Beautify State Capitol

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — With any kind of luck, when spring finally comes to the Michigan Capitol it will burst like never before.

The reason is 70 trees and more than 300 shrubs donated to the Capitol grounds by Michigan State University.

For weeks, a 10-man crew, using bulldozers, back hoes and heavy trucks, has been digging the holes and doing preliminary landscaping. Wet

weather has delayed much of the planting that workmen hoped to finish while the trees are still dormant.

The trees were donated by MSU officials after legislative appropriation cutbacks delayed plans for campus building. As a result, the Capitol's dwindling stands of disease-ravaged Elm trees are being augmented by maples, flowering crabs and birch trees.